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SUBJECT: GOSL DIPLOMATIC NOTE RE SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED DIPLOMATIC NOTE DATED MARCH 29 FROM FONOFF APPEALING TO USG TO BRING PRESSURE ON AMERICAN COMPANIES TO SEVER ALL TRADING AND OTHER RELATIONS WITH "RACIST MINORITY REGIMES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA." IDENTICAL NOTES, CHANGED ONLY BY SUBSTITUTION OF OTHER NATIONAL TERMS FOR WORDS "AMERICA" AND "AMERICANS", ALSO RECEIVED BY BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION AND GERMAN AND FRENCH EMBASSIES.

2. TEXT OF NOTE (COMPLIMENTARY OPENING AND CLOSING OMITTED) FOLLOW: QTE AND HAS THE HONOR TO BRING TO THE EMBASSY'S ATTENTION THE FOLLOWING MATTER:

"2. AS THE EMBASSY IS AWARE, THE UNITED NATIONS, THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY AND MANY OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION HAVE ADOPTED IN THE PAST A SERIES OF RESOLUTIONS CONDEMNING THE RACIST MINORITY REGIMES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. THE POLICIES OF THESE REGIMES AS THE EMBASSY WOULD NOT DOUBT AGREE ARE ABHORENT AND REPUGNANT TO ALL DECENT HUMAN BEINGS. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN FOR SUCH POLICIES PURSUED BY THESE REGIMES.

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"3. IN KEEPING WITH THESE RESOLUTIONS, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE HAS ALWAYS CONDEMNED UNRESERVEDLY THE HUMILIATING POLICY OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND HAS STRICTLY APPLIED POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, COMMERCIAL, MILITARY, CULTURAL AND OTHER SANCTIONS AGAINST SUCH REGIMES. THIS CANNOT BE SAID OF MANY COUNTRIES WHICH BLATANTLY SUPPORT AND GIVE SUCCOUR TO THESE REGIMES THROUGH INVESTMENTS, TRADE, AND OTHER FORMS OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION.

"4. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE WOULD THEREFORE LIKE TO APPEAL TO THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT IN ORDER THAT PRESSURE MAY BE BROUGHT TO BEAR ON ALL COMPANIES REGISTERED IN AMERICA BOTH NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL, SO THAT THEY WOULD SEE THEIR WAY CLEAR TO SEVER ALL TRADING AND OTHER RELATIONS WITH THESE REGIMES AND THEREBY MAKING UNITED NATIONS SANCTIONS AGAINST THEM EFFECTIVE. UNQTE.

3. BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION HAS RESPONDED WITH NOTE SIMPLY ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT. UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED, EMBASSY INTENDS DO SAME BUT TO FOLLOW UP INFORMALLY (WITHOUT SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO FONOFF NOTE) BY PROVIDING APPROPRIATE MINISTRY OFFICIALS WITH WIRELESS FILE TEXT OF ASST SEC MCCLOSKEY LETTER TO CONGRESSMAN HAMILTON AND, WHEN AVAILABLE AT LATER DATE, SECRETARY'S SPEECH ON SOUTHERN AFRICA DURING FORTHCOMING AFRICAN TOUR.

4. COMMENT: AS NEAR AS EMBASSY, BRITISH AND GERMANS CAN FIGURE, NOTE WAS PROBABLY RELATED TO CONVENING OF AFRICAN LABOR MINISTERS CONFERENCE IN FREETOWN SCHEDULED FOR SAME DAY AND PROBABLY DESIGNED TO PERMIT SL HOST DELEGATION TO TELL OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN CORRIDORS THAT GOSL PROPERLY MILITANT ON SENSITIVE SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES.
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